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► Army cadet Sgt. Kyle Manning, 14, of London participates in a Remembrance Day observance Thursday at Victoria Park. Members of local army, sea and air cadet corps planned to spend 24 hours standing — ending at 11 a.m. Friday — in solemn reverence around the cenotaph at Dufferin Avenue and Wellington Street. The observance included music and a video presentation about soldiers killed in the line of duty. For a look at Friday's Remembrance Day events and a community effort to repay poppy donations stolen from a local veterans group, see page 3. Our national coverage is on pages 12 and 13.

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Even as Remembrance Day ceremonies honour Canada's war dead, an estimated 30,000 soldiers will continue to lie, lost and forgotten, in unmarked graves. Video at metronews.ca/video

Making. Croissants



► Nandi Paschen rolls croissants Thursday afternoon at the Covent Garden Market.

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Rolling in the dough

Nandi Paschen works at Petit Paris, which has been serving up pastries and other goodies at the market since the end of June. Croissants are one of the bakery's best sellers.

Your thoughts



We asked Londoners via social media what Remembrance Day means to you. Here's what you said:

- **@DayaCounselling:** There's something special about going to Vicky Park & seeing some of the old veterans pay tribute to their fallen comrades.
- **@rousseln:** Honouring the sacrifice that everyone made so my life would be better. From the soldiers to everyone else who has helped.
- **@NikkeHass:** It means taking some time out of our busy day to pay tribute to those young soldiers who gave their lives so long ago.
- **@ServantHeart72:** Freedom to live in love & the responsibility to be an instrument of peace whilst remembering all those who gave their lives.

On Facebook:

- **Darin J. Addison:** It is a day to pay tribute to all men and women who have sacrificed so much and witnessed unspeakable atrocities of war so we can live in a free and democratic society, and state our opinions.

Poppy-donation theft brings out good will

► Local thefts are among a rash reported across southwest Ontario



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Josephine and Brian Hobbs were disgusted when they learned someone had stolen poppy donations from their veterans group. "You get that deep sick feeling," said Brian Hobbs, poppy chairman for the Canadian Corps Veterans Association.

That feeling changed Thursday when the community rallied behind the cause, forking over thou-

sands of dollars to replace what was taken.

"It's overwhelming," said Josephine, Hobbs' wife. "We really don't know how to say thank you enough."

Police have a person of interest in the Sunday evening theft, Const. Dennis Rivest said. Eight donation boxes filled with money were reported stolen after someone broke a window and went into the association's office, Rivest said.

The Hobbses didn't know how much was in the

How to help

- **Mail.** Donations can be made to the London Poppy Fund via mail sent to 499 Hill St., London, Ont., N6B 1E8. You can call the office at 519-432-8431.

boxes. They also don't know exactly how much money the community put forward after the thefts were made public Thursday morning.

At last count, the tally stood at somewhere be-

tween \$8,000 and \$9,000, Josephine said.

What's most important, they said, is that the money will be available to help those in need.

It will be given to the London Poppy Fund, which administers money to veterans who need assistance with things such as paying rent and buying food.

Rivest said a separate theft of poppy donations was reported Thursday morning.

Additional details were not available.

Variety of Remembrance Day events on tap

The city's official Remembrance Day observance starts at 10:30 a.m. Friday when veterans and others will gather at Dundas and Waterloo streets.

From there, they'll

march to Victoria Park for an 11 a.m. ceremony at the cenotaph adjacent to Dufferin Avenue and Wellington Street.

Other planned observances include:

—10:30 a.m., The Village of Glendale Crossing, 3030 Singleton Ave.
—10:45 a.m., King's University College Monsignor Wemple Building, north side of Epworth Avenue.

—10:30 a.m., University Community Centre at UWO.
—Rogers Cable Channel 13 will dedicate its schedule to Remembrance Day programming, including live coverage. ● METRO

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Ticket fight not a battle for the courts: Report

The Law Commission of Ontario is recommending drivers be allowed to fight a parking ticket without going to court.

The commission says letting people dispute a parking ticket before a municipal-hearings officer would save court resources for more serious and complex matters.

The suggestion is part of the commission's final

report on modernizing the Provincial Offences Act, which includes statutes governing traffic, liquor and health and safety, among others.

More than two million charges are laid each year under the Provincial Offences Act, which the law commission says is "unduly complex" for the large majority of minor offences.



► Do you really want to go to court over this?

The report says the act makes little distinction among "the vastly different types of charges before the court," and should be updated.

It also calls for increasing the range of penalties to be fairer to defendants and to make a simple information guide available to people who have been charged.

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Unpaid fines

- There is more than \$1 billion outstanding in unpaid fines under the Provincial Offences Act.
- Two-thirds of the penalties are for speeding or driving without insurance.
- The Law Commission receives provincial funding but is independent of government.

Occupy to get Wall Street cash infusion

► Group still planning Saturday rally at Victoria Park ► Occupiers have too few supplies, not enough money to start another encampment: Participant



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Thanks largely to social media sites, rumours about the Occupy London movement are spreading like wildfire.

Talk about one topic — that a financial donation is coming from the folks at

Occupy Wall Street — isn't all hot air.

Eric Shepperd, an organizer of the local movement, said Thursday that a reliable source indicated money is on the way. He didn't know the size of the donation or how it may be used.

As news of the cash infusion circulated, the occupiers' next move remained

up for debate. Suggestions on Facebook included setting up another camp, possibly in the Thames River flood plain. A reoccupation is "proposed by a subset of members and does not reflect consensus," Shepperd, 26, of London said in a text message to Metro.

Daniel Baylis, 25, of London who participated in

the occupation's two-week stay in Victoria Park, said people also have talked about renting a warehouse and setting up an ad hoc community there.

Heading back to Victoria Park, where city officials tore down the group's tents early Wednesday, isn't likely because of an increased police presence, Baylis said.

Police lay charges

Two London men were arrested Wednesday evening at Victoria Park in the aftermath of Occupy London.

Police said the first person, 41, was taken into custody about 6:30 p.m. after he pitched a tent in the park and

refused to leave. He's facing one count of trespassing, a provincial offence, and a criminal charge of resisting arrest.

The second man, 26, was charged with trespassing for refusing to leave the park about 10:15 p.m.

A city bylaws prohibits using parks between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

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Santa. Trail



► The 2011 Santa Claus Parade is scheduled for Saturday at 6 p.m. As Mr. Kringle meets his fans in the Forest City, here's a few things to keep in mind if you're driving in the area.

Expect road closures for Santa Claus Parade

To allow parade floats to organize, police will close Dundas Street between Highbury Avenue and Egerton Street starting at 4 p.m. Intersections will be shut down progressively westbound from Dundas Street and Kellogg Lane just prior to the beginning of the parade and depending on the size of the crowd. For example, intersections along Dundas from the start of the parade to Adelaide Street will likely be blocked by 5:45 p.m. The parade will last approximately two hours, concluding at Ridout Street between 8 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Diabetes screening

The Primary Care Diabetes Support Program of St. Joseph's Health Care London is holding a diabetes screening day for the Hispanic community Saturday.

The screening will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the St. Joseph's Family Medical and Dental Centre (346 Platts Lane).

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► Eldon House

Heritage house goes high-tech

One of the city's most well-known heritage sites now has a place in the digital age.

Christmas at Eldon House, a play written for

the museum's 175th anniversary, is now available on DVD.

The new work will be screened on Saturdays in December during the site's

Victorian Christmas celebration. Copies of the production also can be purchased. For details, call 519-661-5169.

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Flemington to make his return

► Knights host the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds Friday at 7:30 p.m. ► Play Erie Saturday at 7 p.m. at the JLC



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Tom Petty said it best: The waiting is the hardest part.

Especially if you're forced to watch the No.1-ranked CHL team win game after game while you're stuck on the sidelines.

This has been the plight of Knights' defenceman Kyle Flemington over the past month.

The 19-year-old from Parkhill, Ont., was suspended for 15 games for a hit to the head in a game versus the Sudbury Wolves on Sept. 30. He's set to return to action Friday night.

"I took an off-season approach (to the suspension)," Flemington said. "It was like (another) summer in terms of working out — I almost feel like I'm in better shape than I was when I got the suspension."



► Kyle Flemington

After having some time to reflect on the hit, Flemington (zero points in three games) agrees that it was an illegal blow but questions the length of the suspension.

"It deserved a suspension — I don't know if it deserved the amount of games I got," he said. "But it's a learning experience."

The six-foot-seven Flemington still wants to maintain his physical presence on the ice.

"I've got to be more cautious — more aware of my surroundings, but I'm not going to change the way I play."

The Knights have gone 12-2-0-1 in Flemington's absence and his teammates have constantly reminded him of that fact.

"They've been giving me a hard time the whole 15 games," he said, laughing. "But it's all in good fun."

Leaf. Mountain



► Parkside Landscaping's Andrew Pierpoint corraling leaves outside on Central Avenue. There were a lot of leaves on the ground — and bare limbs overhead — Thursday morning after strong winds blew through the city overnight.

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'Tis the season for yard work

25 The number of agency displays and breakout sessions. Parents can also learn about Developmental Services Ontario's single-point access to services for individuals with complex needs.

Support for special needs

Special education students, their families and teachers will get an opportunity to connect with a variety of agencies during the annual Open Doors Agency Fair on Tuesday from 3 p.m. to 7

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Jerseys up for auction

The London Knights will dawn special-edition Remembrance Day jerseys for their game Friday against the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds.

Fans are reminded to wear red in support of Remembrance Day. Following

Where?

► The auction will take place at londonknights.com.

the game, the jerseys will be available for purchase via an online auction with

the proceeds being split between The Remember November Eleven Association and the London Military Family Resource Centre.

Bidding runs from Saturday at 9 a.m. until Nov. 21 at 5 p.m.

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Contest takes city budget high-tech

Wanna hack into the city's budget?

Here's a chance to get your virtual fingers on the numbers and earn a little dough in the process.

UnLondon and the city kicked off a contest Thursday that will dole out \$6,000 worth of prizes to

people and teams who incorporate the city's 2012 budget data into a unique app.

Top dollar — \$2,500 — will be reserved for the grand prize. Projects that win merit for best solo work, best team work, best design or best product

from a high school student will be awarded \$750 each.

The city has committed \$10,000 to the effort, which is designed to get more involved in the budget process.

Submissions are due by midnight Dec. 14.

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Mountie alleges sexual harassment

A female British Columbia Mountie who was the force's public face for some of its most high-profile cases says the RCMP is accountable to no one for the treatment of its employees and a union or similar organization is needed to protect them from a culture that is badly broken.

Cpl. Catherine Galliford, who was the spokeswoman on the Air India and Robert Pickton investigations, has come forward in recent days to detail shocking allegations of persistent sexual harassment during her 20 years on the force.

Galliford says in an interview that she experienced six to 10 incidents of harassment or sexual harassment, including one occasion in which a superior showed her his genitals.

She says a union-like organization would give RCMP officers who come into conflict with their superiors some support in pursuing complaints.

"You've reached your breaking point. You're being harassed to death. There has to be a group, a body to go to," Galliford said in a telephone interview.

Galliford has spent four years off the force, battling demons that have included post-traumatic stress disorder and for a while, a drinking problem. She has now filed a 115-page internal complaint.

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Man claiming to be teen's killer contacts RCMP

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► 18-year old Taylor van Diest is shown in a photo taken from a Facebook memorial page. The teen from Armstrong, B.C., was killed on Halloween night.

► Further violence threatened ► B.C. RCMP looking into validity of letter

Someone claiming to be the killer of a British Columbia teenager has sent a letter to the RCMP containing a chilling threat.

"It suggests the possible further violence against women," said Cpl. Dan Moskaluk as he described the letter received Wednesday at the Armstrong, B.C., detachment.

"We're not speculating as to its authenticity. We are simply looking at it to determine who may have sent it. Its contents, syntax, format, how it was received, are all details at this time that we are not divulging publicly."

A team of more than 30 officers has been working on the case since 18-year-old Taylor Van Diest was killed on Halloween night.

She had been badly beaten and died shortly after searchers found her near a popular shortcut along railway tracks

Mayor warns

Armstrong Mayor Chris Pieper said the letter police received has people on edge.

► "It does sound a bit weird and I think just since this case broke on Halloween we have to be a careful community, as if it happened in anybody's community. You have to be careful until the person or persons are caught."

through the usually quiet north Okanagan town of Armstrong.

Teens in the community of about 5,000 people were urged to travel in groups, stick to well-lit areas and leave word about any travel plans, and that warning was repeated after the letter was received.

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► Mohammad Shafia

Sisters like 'political prisoners'

An Ontario court is hearing that three sisters allegedly killed by their family were "like political prisoners."

Three teenage sisters, Zainab, 19, Sahar, 17, and Geeti Shafia, 13, along with one of their father's

two wives, were found dead inside a submerged car in the Rideau Canal in June 2009.

Their parents — Tooba Mohammad Yahya, 41, and Mohammad Shafia, 58 — and their brother Hamed, 20, are each charged with

four counts of first-degree murder in their deaths.

A relative is telling court that Zainab wanted to get married to her Pakistani boyfriend in part to sacrifice herself so her sisters could have more freedoms. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Guilty plea in excess campaign spending

The Conservative party and its fundraising body have pleaded guilty and will pay fines over charges of exceeding campaign spending limits in 2006 and failing to report all expenses.

In return, charges against four individuals are dropped and the Conservatives are no longer facing a more serious charge of wilfully violating the Elections Act.

Conservative Senators

Irving Gerstein and Doug Finley, and party officers Mike Donison and Susan Kehoe were charged earlier this year with wilfully violating the party's spending limit in the 2006 federal campaign that brought Prime Minister Stephen Harper to power. The party has agreed it should pay \$25,000 on each of two counts and the Conservative Fund will pay \$1,000 on each count. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Chinese cops kill soldiers: Report

Chinese media say police in the northeast shot and killed three soldiers who fled their barracks with an assault rifle and hundreds of rounds of ammunition. Few details were available and almost all reports of the incident had been removed from official websites by Thursday with only their headlines remaining.

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Discharge for man with riot clothing

A 19-year old Surrey, B.C., man who pleaded guilty to possessing clothing stolen from a store during the Stanley Cup riot has been given a discharge by the courts. Karanvir Singh Saran acknowledged he was aware a bathing suit and dress had been taken the night of June 15, but did not admit to stealing them. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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At 11:11:11 a.m. Friday, the time and date will be a perfect same-numbered palindrome, reading the same backwards as forwards. The reason this date is so unique is that it's the only double-figure palindromic date, since there is no 22nd month.

For some, this date in history is a numerical curiosity that ought to bring good luck. More than 3,000 couples are flocking to Las Vegas to tie the knot today for this "once-in-a-

lifetime experience." Meanwhile, local media in South Korea have reported that expectant mothers have flooded hospitals with requests for Caesarean sections today, all in the hope of getting that identity number "111111."

For numerologists and their followers, the number 11 signifies a route into the human subconscious. But it can also represent sin, transgression and peril, with ten being "the perfect number."

Released Friday, a new apocalyptic horror directed by Darren Bousman from the Saw franchise sees a man whose family dies in a car crash at 11:11 a.m., and who then begins to be tormented by the number 11.

60 seconds

Famous "psychic" Uri Geller, known worldwide for his spoon-bending performance, believes the 11:11:11, 11-11-11 phenomenon has a positive meaning.



► Uri Geller

"A DIVINE WAKE-UP CALL"

How did you become interested in this numerical phenomenon?

When I was 40, my eyes started being attracted to 11:11. I saw it on computers, in the kitchen and cars without me wanting to. **How much time did you spend researching 11:11?** Believe it or not, for 11 months.

Why do you think the divine is using numbers to communicate?

I believe it's a wake-up call, a pre-encoded code etched into us before we came into matter. The time of completion is near, that's why it's coming up a lot again. It's about duality and your own direct wake-up call.

Flotilla. Arrests



► David Heap, right, looks on as Ehab Lotayef speaks about their experiences aboard the Canadian ship Tahrir and their time in an Israeli prison Thursday, in Ottawa.

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Blockade run thwarted

Heap, a French and linguistics professor at the University of Western Ontario, was one of three Canadians taken into Israeli custody as they tried to run a naval blockade of Gaza on Nov. 6. Israel sees the flotilla projects as provocations and publicity stunts.

Thais hope flood misery will 'float away' with goddess

Sahattaya Vitayakaseat placed a tiny crown-shaped boat made from curled banana leaves and marigold flowers into the murky brown water and let it drift toward a park bench submerged by Bangkok's surging Chao Phraya river.

She then closed her eyes and prayed, silently begging forgiveness from Thailand's goddess of water — who some believe is responsible for a three-

month wave of cataclysmic flooding that has killed more than 500 people.

"I hadn't planned to come out tonight because there's been so much loss and so much grief," Sahattaya, 45, said Thursday as the Southeast Asian kingdom celebrated Loy Krathong, a full-moon festival held every year when the rainy season comes to an end. "But this is a chance to let our misery



► Pattana Suntharotok prays before releasing a traditional Krathong float into a pool during the Loy Krathong festival in Bangkok.

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float away."

Thais believe the candle-lit boats launched during the Loy Krathong holiday can carry misfortune away with them, allowing life to begin anew. This year the tradition, begun hundreds of years ago to pay tribute to water itself, has taken on a profound new irony.

Floodwaters born from months of intense monsoon rains have swept the country, engulfing whole

"She wanted to come into our streets and to see what the city is like. But we've had enough, it's time for her to go."

NVILASINI RIENPRACHA, REFERRING TO THE THAI WATER DEITY

cities in one of the worst natural disasters in modern Thai history.

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'Notable' young Canadians celebrated at awards in Toronto



Juno Award winner Keshia Chante helped present awards to 13 young Canadians to celebrate their achievements at the inaugural Notable Awards driven by Lexus in Toronto.

Professionals from a variety of categories such as social media, future

builders, and community impact were selected. Daniel Warner, was the winner of the media & communication category sponsored by Metro.

Warner is the business-development manager of Quadrant Marketing, a marketing and communications agency that specializes in consumer packaged goods, food service and shopper mar-

keting.

He is a community-driven individual and, to date, Warner has helped raise more than \$750,000 in funds for those in need.

Warner is also the youngest member of the board of directors for One Family Fund, and is on the young leadership committees for Mount Sinai Hospital, Reena Foundation and Jewish National Fund.

The awards featured keynote speeches by ING Direct Canada CEO Peter Aceto and Motionball founder Paul Etherington.

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To view profiles of the final four finalists in all 13

categories, visit notable.ca/awards/vote.

Concern for polar bears declared

The majestic but vulnerable polar bear has been formally declared a "species of special concern," further driving a wedge between southern Canadians and many resource-dependant northerners.

The listing under the Species at Risk Act requires a comprehensive management plan within three years, feeding some northerners' fears that the al-

ready-limited bear hunt will be further restricted.

"Canada is home to two-thirds of the world's polar bear population and we have a unique conservation responsibility to effectively care for them," said Environment Minister Peter Kent. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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► A polar bear mother and her two cubs.

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► **Dahla Dam.** Over 2,012 jobs have been created in the rehabilitation of the dam. Once completed, 80 per cent of Kandaharis who live along the system will have access to a

secure water supply to stimulate agricultural production.

► **Polio-eradication initiative.** Canada is the single largest donor to polio eradication. Over 7.8 million Afghan children continue to be vaccinated against polio, including approximately 400,000 in Kandahar province.

► **Route Hyena.** This signature project was built to give residents of western Panjwaii greater freedom of movement, and improve their access to schools, markets and local government.

How will we be Remembered?

► Metro takes a look at Canada's legacy in Afghanistan ► Decade in war-torn country cost 162 Canadian lives — 158 military personnel and four civilians

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TERRY GLAVIN
FOR METRO



That Canadian soldiers were able to hold Kandahar is key to the reconstruction of Afghanistan. And it's too bad that not enough Canadians know that.

Years down the road, there will be all sorts of clever people who will be happy to tell us that our soldiers should never have been sent to Afghanistan. That's why it will always be handy to remember what it took a British House of Commons defence committee to point out, back in 2007:

"If Kandahar fell, and it was a reasonably close run last year, it did not matter how well the Dutch did in Uruzgan or how well the British did in Helmand. Their two

Canadian Forces Col. Mike Minor is the NATO commander in charge of the Advisory Group to the Kabul Military Training Centre (the largest Afghan army training facility).

Who are the trainers?

I have a team of about 500 coalition personnel from about 10 different nations working with me. Our role is to advise Afghanistan's premier training centre where

they train up to 60,000 officers each year. That's almost the size of the entire Canadian Forces. Our aim is for this training centre to sustain the Afghan National Army ... after we're gone.

When will that happen?

The transition will start as early as next year. That's the key to sustaining the Afghan National Army as we move

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forward. We're essentially training trainers so they can effectively train soldiers themselves.

What will be Canada's legacy in Afghanistan?

Certainly our operations in the south fighting the counter-insurgency were pivotal here. But around Kabul now, I've had many nations come up to me and say "clearly Canada has it right."

If all Canadian soldiers ever did was win the Battle of Panjwaii in 2006, it would all have been worth it.

Panjwaii was Stalin-grad. Between that summer and July 2011, fewer than 3,000 Canadian soldiers kept the Taliban at bay. U.S. President Barack Obama's "surge" of 30,000

soldiers is still having a hard time matching Canada's accomplishment.

And even now, sneers disfigure the faces of our country's clever "troops-out pundits" whenever they're reminded that millions of girls would have never gone to school had it not been for the gallant sacrifices of Canadian



► Col. Mike Minor, right, is saluted by an Afghani.

We went into the fight, we did an outstanding job and things are better in Kandahar. Now is the

time for transition ... so the Afghans can do it themselves.

● HEATHER BUCHAN

soldiers and their families.

Had Kandahar fallen, Afghanistan would have been lost to the Taliban, and you don't want to think about what would have come next.

In the years to come, millions of Afghans will fondly recall that in their darkest hour, Canadian

soldiers were watching their backs. Most Canadians still don't seem to have a clue.

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Terry Glavin is the author of the newly published book *Come From The Shadows: The Long And Lonely Struggle for Peace In Afghanistan*. He has visited that country four times since 2008.



► Members of the Canadian Engineer Regiment look towards a nearby treeline after a day of operations against the Taliban on June 13, 2006, in the Panjwaii district southwest of Kandahar.

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Afghan women more visible in public life

LAURYN OATES
FOR METRO

When Afghan women and girls learned in December 2001 that they were no longer under state-imposed house arrest, they peered out at a country in ruins.

Taliban rule, following the three decades of war, kept women and girls shut out of schools for five years.

Since those first post-Taliban days, striking change has swept over Afghanistan. Canadian investments in education and rebuilding programs have helped hurry along the drive for learning and training opportunities.

Women have been accessing micro-credit programs like the Micro-finance Investment Support Facility for Afghanistan (MISEFA), supported by the Canadian International

30%
Today, about 30 per cent of civil servants in Afghanistan are women.

Development Agency. The charity Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan has been training teachers, running adult-literacy classes and opening village libraries.

The Afghan Canadian Community Centre in Kandahar trains female students in business, computers and English, helping land them lucrative jobs immediately after graduation. The Mennonite Economic Development Associates, headquartered in Toronto, supported 3,000

women farmers in Parwan province with training and access to inputs that helped them improve their crop yields and raise household incomes.

Afghan women still face daunting challenges, including the world's highest maternal mortality rate, rampant domestic violence, underage marriage (the average female marriage age is believed to be only 15). The Taliban regularly attack girls' schools, threaten women working in the government and operate "shadow governments" in districts where they have greater control than the government, doling out punishments for "moral crimes" like premarital sex.

Lauryn Oates is the projects director of Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan.

WE ASKED: HOW WILL YOU REMEMBER CANADA?

Lotfullah Najafizada, 24
Journalist at Tolo TV, Kabul

"Canada has made a huge sacrifice in Afghanistan in the last decade. It has helped the Afghan people during a very tough time. We would remember Canada's support and assistance not for 10 or 20 years, but for many, many decades. Canada has a reputation as an honest and supportive friend in Afghanistan."



Bibi Zhilla Jawid, 23
Senior finance assistant, UNICEF Kandahar Office

"Our family returned to Kandahar from Pakistan in 2003. We were poor, so I needed to work ... The only way I could study was at night school, but there were no female students. I will never forget the day in 2007 when I got the chance to enrol in a school supported by Canada, the Afghan Canadian Community Centre in Kandahar. I took English classes there and the people were kind. I then graduated, with 11 other girls, in business management, and that is the greatest gift that Canada could give me. I was given my certificate in front of everyone. For this, we'll remember Canada in our hearts."



Dr. Mohammad Shafiq Faqeerzai, 35
Surgeon at Aliabad Teaching Hospital, Kabul

"The people of Afghanistan really appreciate the efforts of Canadians towards the rehabilitation of our country. Despite having thousands of Canadian Forces in addition to the other international forces, our security is getting worse. Poppy cultivation and trafficking is still happening. The people do not feel safe even in the capital. Nevertheless the people of Afghanistan will remember the Canadians, especially as they continue to build the capacity of the Afghan National Army, and especially if they help build this country into something sustainable."



Homa Sorouri, 32
Human resources development director, Kabul

"Canada was one of the first countries who left Afghans mid-conflict, in 2011. Canada reminds me of Kandahar because of their overall focus on rebuilding Kandahar. As a Kabul resident, of course I cannot comment on how they have done the job, but I know that Canadians were big advocates of women's rights. In all the projects they funded they were concerned with gender issues. Canadians seem to be friendly people."



On Twitter



We also asked Twitter users to tell us how they thought Canadians would be remembered for their role in Afghanistan.

Here's what they had to say:

- **@RickCarroll:** @themetrolondon As hard working, dedicated heroes.
- **@taboada93:** @metrotoronto I think they'll be remembered for taking the time out of their lives to go and help those in need. You can't get any more pride!
- **@AutisticTomato:** @metrohalifax Afghans will remember Canadians as solid hash

smokers and friendly people.

- **@bnes211:** @themetrolondon As the ones they hate less than Americans.
- **@SkyMcLaughlin:** @metroedmonton My friends there tell me our legacy is our genuine intention to help, but sadly 10 yrs later not much has changed.
- **@TashKasves:** war is never looked back on positively.



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Banker to steer Greece through crisis

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- New Greek Cabinet to be sworn in Friday
- Italy taps economist to replace Silvio Berlusconi





Greece is replacing Prime Minister George Papandreou with a banker, and Italy is likely to do the same with an economist, in the hope that financial experts can do better than the politicians who drove the eurozone into crisis.

Thursday's political agreement in Athens calmed financial markets, coupled with the prospect that Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi will be leaving office sooner rather than later.

But significant challenges remain in both debt-heavy countries.

Lucas Papademos, former vice-president of the European Central Bank, must quickly secure a crucial loan instalment without which Greece will go bankrupt before Christmas.

Market moment

TSX	Dollar
	
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Oil	Natural gas
	
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will lead a government backed by the governing Socialists and the opposition Conservatives that will operate until elections tentatively set for February.

In Italy, Parliament must pass new austerity measures over the next few days. Economist Mario Monti appeared to be in line to run an interim technocratic government after Berlusconi goes.

Many European stock markets rose on the twin Greek and Italian developments. That was not the case in Canada, where the Toronto stock market was down 47.34 points to 12,108.87 after reports that France could have its credit rating placed on negative credit watch by one of the big ratings agencies.

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He must also gain approval for the European Union's 130-billion-euro bailout.

Papademos called for unity Thursday and promised to seek cross-party cooperation to keep Greece in the 17-nation eurozone. He



► Lucas Papademos, front, who on Thursday replaced George Papandreou as Greek prime minister, arrives at the presidential palace in Athens. His interim government is charged with keeping the country out of bankruptcy and firmly in the eurozone.

CONTENTIOUS PIPELINE

Keystone delayed until 2013

The U.S. State Department wants TransCanada to explore alternative routes for its Keystone XL pipeline, a decision that will delay the \$7-billion project and threatens to kill it outright.

The review of new routes could be completed "as early as the first quarter of 2013," the department said in a release. That would be several months after next November's presidential election.

The pipeline would

carry millions of barrels of Alberta oilsands crude through six U.S. states to Gulf Coast refineries. Its current proposed route traverses the Sand Hills area of Nebraska, the location of the Ogallala aquifer, a crucial source of drinking water.

The decision is a stunning victory for the North American environmental movement, but in Ottawa the reaction was muted.

"We are disappointed," said Andrew MacDougall, a spokesman for Prime Minister Stephen Harper. Keystone XL, he said, promises to create thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in economic growth on both sides of the border.

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One-click searching for oilsands info

A new Alberta government website promises to open the books on the oilsands with information on everything from greenhouse gas emissions to land disturbance.

The Oilsands Information Portal (osip.alberta.ca) combines federal and provincial data from four ministries and five agencies. It also provides continually updated information on air and water monitoring.

The site does not, however, contain any proprietary data from companies, something observers had long asked for.

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Please RSVP to: Rod Refcio at rrefcio@rllaw.ca 519-858-1800 or Paul Gregus at Paul.Gregus@rbc.com 519-661-1245 on or before **November 14th, 2011.**



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Balanced budget still within reach?

Accounting 'sleight-of-hand' builds in contingency fund if Canadian economy wobbles

Ottawa could balance the books in 2014 even if the economy doesn't beat expectations, thanks to a pumped-up rainy-day fund that Finance Minister Jim Flaherty revealed in his fiscal update on Tuesday.

The government's "adjustment for risk" increases the possibility that Ottawa's revenues could come in better than thought in future years, some analysts say.

In effect, finance officials have taken the average private sector forecast for Canadian economic growth and plugged in the appropriate revenue and expenses outcomes.

But whereas in the June budget Flaherty subtracted \$1.5 billion in expected tax revenues for each of five years projected — just in

case economists were too rosy — in Tuesday's update he doubled the margin to \$3 billion for this current fiscal year and also for 2013-14. For next year, the risk buffer has been tripled to \$4.5 billion. It returns to \$1.5 billion in the outgoing years.

That's an extra \$6 billion in accounting sleight-of-hand over the first three years that could push the expected \$3.5-billion deficit in 2014-15 into a surplus.

Overall, the contingency fund totals \$12 billion for the four years in question, meaning if the economy performs exactly as private sector economists expect, Ottawa will have that much money to add to the bottom line.

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Murdoch sticks to his story at hacking inquiry

He didn't see. He wasn't told. He didn't know.

Called back to Britain's House of Commons on



James Murdoch

Thursday after former News Corp. staff challenged

his credibility, senior executive James Murdoch insisted he'd been kept in the dark about widespread phone hacking at his now-defunct News of the World tabloid. Instead he blamed its former editor, Colin Myler, and in-house lawyer, Tom Crone, for failing to warn him of the paper's culture of criminality.

"None of these things were mentioned to me," he

said in more than two-and-a-half hours of questioning.

"It was not shown to me," he said of an incriminating 2008 email that showed one of his top reporters eavesdropped on cellphone messages.

"It didn't occur to me to probe further," he said when quizzed about the legal advice his subordinates had supplied him.

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Watch that holiday debtload

This year the key to limiting spending on holiday gifts may be to reconsider where you shop, U.S.-based CVS/pharmacy suggests. Instead of hitting the mall or puzzling through online discounts, consider places you already patronize: Supermarkets, convenience stores, dollar stores and, of course, pharmacies.

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1 Tebowing. The new "planking" is "Tebowing," named after Denver Broncos QB Tim Tebow, who likes to get down on one knee and pray ...

even if everyone around him is doing something completely different. People (or "Tebowers") from all over are now sending hilarious pictures of them "Tebowing" in random places to Tebowing.com. I'm Tebowing as I write this. It's amazing.

2 Book of (Holiday) Awesome. For a little escape between holiday baking and family fights this festive

season, the perfect tonic (other than a lot of gin) is Toronto-based Neil Pasricha's *The Book of (Holiday) Awesome*, which hits bookstores next week. From the joy of plugging in the Christmas lights from last year and having them all work to successfully re-gifting a present to someone who actually wants it, it's got it all.

3 Nickelback. A petition has been started at Change.org to prevent Alberta's Nickelback from playing the halftime show during the Detroit Lions game on Thanksgiving Day at Ford Field. "Detroit is home to so many great musicians and they chose Nickelback?!!?! Does anyone even like Nickelback?," asks Dennis Guttman, the Lions fan who started it. Let's see: Kid Rock or Nickelback? Coin toss.

4 11-11-11. If you are the type who has the urge to see meaningful patterns or connections in random data, Friday is the day you've been waiting for. At 11-11-11 on this 11-11-11, the time and date will be a perfect palindrome, reading the same backwards as forwards — an event that happens one day every 100 years. Why not then go out and celebrate by seeing the apocalyptic film, 11-11-11, which opens today.

5 Shaq Uncut. Shaquille O'Neal's autobiography, *Shaq Uncut: My Story*, is out Nov. 15 and is sure to be a slam dunk. Word is he doesn't miss any foul shots in this tell-all: The website Deadspin.com says he details his volatile relationship with Kobe Bryant and an in-your-face argument he had with former coach Pat Riley. No one could have possibly thought the Big Diesel would go quietly into retirement, right?

6 Best liner notes. A brand new Twitter account has started up called @BestLinerNotes, which tweets "actual quotes from actual records." Existential stuff like "Our existence is universal, whether it is right or wrong. Everything is one. That is what the bagpipes represent" and "Just as every snowflake has a different design, so are the patterns of life." And deep thoughts like "He has been through the mill and come out whole grain." Win.

7 Drake. Drake's new album, *Take Care*, hits stores Tuesday, but the entire album has been leaked online. The Toronto rap sensation is taking it in good-natured Canadian stride, though, tweeting, "Listen, enjoy it, buy it if you like it ... and take care until next time." As every popular artist knows, leaks aren't the worst thing as they draw attention to a work. I tried leaking this column early, but no one bit.

8 Kelly Ripa. The last show for her 80-year-old co-host, Regis Philbin, on *Live! With Regis and Kelly* will be next Friday. So Kelly Ripa will be flying solo for awhile until a replacement is found, and the show will be called "Live! With Kelly." Ah, just let her actor hubby, Mark Consuelos, whom she met in her *All My Children* days, co-host with her. It would be a soap opera ending.

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► @ProfBucky: #Fanshawe exam schedule is up - looking dece for business kids woowoo #StudyHighTake TestHighGetHighMarks

► @drewdeens: If you live in #ldont and/or go to #uwo you need to follow @todayonLTC it will provide you with at least

1 or 2 laughs a day guaranteed.

► @samuelschow: Heard from a friend that

someone proposed in Taylor?!! #Memorable #uwo

► @Shea_Cassidy: Every time I pass the frog, more and more of that plastic barrier has been torn down #itswahevatho #ldnont

► @kylemilec: Hey weather, I think we really need to have a talk about this whole getting cold thing. I really don't think it's necessary! #ldnont

► @brian_mackenzie: london santa parade coming up :)

Worth Mentioning

JUDGE SIDES WITH 'CINDERELLA' MOM. A Saskatchewan judge is scolding the province's child welfare system for ignoring court orders to reunite two children with their rehabilitated mother.

Court of Queen's Bench Justice Geoffrey Dufour says he is impressed with the young woman's remarkable turnaround — from a prostitute and addict to a healthy and devoted mother.

He says social workers failed to follow his court orders for visits and sleepovers at the woman's home last year.

His latest order states the girl and boy must be returned to their mother this week.

A spokeswoman with Social Services says she can't comment on the case, including whether the children are now living with their mother.

The judge says the ministry has three months to file a report explaining its behaviour or he may consider a criminal charge of contempt of court.

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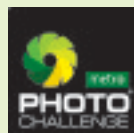


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WEIRD NEWS

Dancing only way Poppins star can spell it out

"Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" wasn't super easy for Mary Poppins musical theatre star Nicolas Dromard when he first joined the cast, admits the French-Canadian Ottawa native.

"No, no, not at all," Dromard, who plays charming chimney sweep Bert, said in an interview at Toronto's Princess of Wales Theatre, where the touring production was to officially

open Saturday.

"I saw the movie in French when I was a kid," he explained, noting the nanny's buzzword is pronounced differently in français.

"I didn't want to watch it again because our director really didn't want us to copy the movie.... So I've been reluctant to watch the movie to say, 'How is it in English?'"

Dromard got the 34-letter word down during rehearsals for a scene in which the cast spells it out for the audience by making the shapes of the letters with their bodies, a la YMCA.

"I have to actually do the choreography because I can't spell it without doing the movements."

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Synopsis

The Christmas movie season promises a little something for everyone. There's family movies like *The Muppets*, Oscar bait like *My Week with Marilyn*, and even a silent movie in wide release! This week the Reel Guys look ahead to their most anticipated movies of November and December.



► Michelle Williams' portrayal of Marilyn Monroe in *My Week With Marilyn* may win her the Oscar Monroe always dreamed of.

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'Tis the season

► Christmas movie season is here ► Crouse and Breslin share their yuletide picks

Richard: Mark, the film critic in me really wants to see *Carnage*, the Roman Polanski adaptation of the Broadway hit about two couples who get together to discuss an altercation between their children. I expect the all-star cast's — Kate Winslet, John C. Reilly, Christoph Waltz and Jody Foster — heavy-duty acting chops may earn an Oscar nod or two and have heard there's even Oscar buzz for Polanski. What are you most excited about?

Mark: Richard, I'd like to agree with you about *Carnage*, but I saw the play on Broadway and wasn't im-

pressed. However, I like everything Roman Polanski has ever done — well, ahem, almost everything — and maybe this will be an example of a movie improving on the play. I am looking forward to *Young Adult*, and here's why: 1. screenplay by Diablo Cody. 2. directed by Jason Reitman. 3. starring Charlize Theron. 4. lots of bad behaviour. I also look forward to the new installment of *Mission Impossible*: *Ghost Protocol*. Am I a fool?

RC: Not at all! I'm excited to see what Brad Bird, the Pixar wizard behind *The Incredibles*, can do with

live action and a few hundred million dollar budget. I'm also curious to see how the Cold War paranoia of *Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy* plays at Christmas, 2011. I want to know if playing in the Potterverse for the last few years has dulled Gary Oldham's edge. I'm hoping for some of his old-school Romeo is *Bleeding* attitude!

MB: I don't know... those John le Carré adaptations can be pretty dry. What about *My Week With Marilyn*? Sounds pretty juicy to me.

RC: It'll certainly have some juice with Oscar vot-

ers I think. The Academy loves biopics and while Michelle Williams might not have been the obvious choice to play Marilyn Monroe, the early word is that she might be in line to win the Oscar that Marilyn always wanted in real life. I think Williams's biggest competition will be Meryl Streep as Margaret Thatcher in the *Iron Lady*.

MB: And the trailer for the Streep film is so good that it makes me want to line up for the movie today! And it would make a perfect double bill with the J. Edgar Hoover biopic at a Tea Party conference.

Scene in brief



DreamWorks Pictures is offering veterans an early look at Steven Spielberg's upcoming epic *War Horse*. The movie studio says special screenings will be held in seven Canadian cities on Nov. 16 in honour of Remembrance Day. Spielberg's First World War film heads to Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa, Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver.

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British actor Henry Cavill strikes stardom with *Immortals*, *Man of Steel*



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Making brawn

► **Twilight star Robert Pattinson shares how he got buff for his stripped-down scene in *Breaking Dawn: Part 1*** ► **Ashley Greene says her character Alice reveals a more emotional side in latest *Twilight* film**



In the fourth *Twilight* film, *Breaking Dawn: Part 1*, newlyweds Edward (Robert Pattinson) and Bella (Kristen Stewart) finally go all the way.

In preparation for the stripped-down honeymoon scene, Robert Pattinson put in four months of solid time at the gym.

"I very rarely exercise and really don't like going to the gym so I had to make it extreme. I had to cut out beer and cut out junk food, which is basically my entire life and I had to replace

that with going to the gym and working out basically all day, every day. I went to the gym pretty much at four in the morning and worked out for two hours and then went to work. It was absolutely exhausting," he says.

But has the actor, also known as Edward Cullen, kept up his workout routine?

"The day I didn't have to take off my shirt, that was it. No more gym," he says laughing.

Ashley Greene's character, Edward's sister Alice, also shows a new side in the movie, albeit a more emotional one.

"You will see Alice being

emotionally tortured and a little tormented inside. She wants to protect and support Bella and the two emotions are in conflict. That was one of the great things of having a saga... to develop your character," she says.

In *Breaking Dawn: Part 1* Bella Swan becomes pregnant and the baby is half vampire. According to Pattinson and Greene the birth scene was one of the most memorable during the movie shoot.

"The director Bill Condon made some really bloody horror movies early on in his career and we shot it like a straight horror scene. I saw one cut,



and if you had added some other music and other sound effects you wouldn't want to watch the screen (laughs). They could definitely do a version of this movie for adults only," says Pattinson.

Greene remembers the day as one of the most hysterical.

"We were nervous and didn't know how to pull this off. It was so intense. You can't relate to a baby

that is destroying its mother. It translates much better on film and it looks

good, but when we were filming it nobody knew what was happening."

Robert's record

There are rumours that Pattinson is going to release an album, but he denies it.

► "I'm not making a record. I record stuff all the time but have no intention to release it. People hate actors who release music so much that the majority of people would hate it just because it exists. It's too personal for me to dirty it with people's judgement," he says.



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Happy geek

► **Elijah Wood talks about reprising his role as Mumble in Happy Feet 2** ► **Admits that since Lord of the Rings, he's become the go-to guy for all things Tolkien**



In the first Happy Feet, vocally challenged penguin Mumble (voiced by Elijah Wood) got the girl, so it only makes sense that Happy Feet 2 finds Mumble grappling with fatherhood — something new for the young actor best known for playing a hobbit. We caught up with Wood to talk about his penguin alter-ego growing up faster than he is and the joys of job security now that his series Wilfred has been picked up for a second season. Plus, he gives an update on that other

franchise he's a part of.

I'm pretty sure you've never played a father before.

Oh no. (laughs) Only in the digital realm. I mean I'm 30 now, so I suppose it's not altogether unbelievable anymore.

How was that to take on as an actor?

It was cool. I think it was a natural progression for Mumble. You know, after he sort of cements his relationship with Gloria at the end of the first film, it's sort of natural that they would have an egg and a baby — the natural progression. So it was cool. It presented a unique, new step in his

life. And the relationship between him and Eric was a fun relationship to play out.

Wilfred got pretty dark in the season finale. Will it continue that tone in Season 2?

I hope so. I love the whole season, but the latter half of the season, where it started to go with being a little bit more of a blend of the cerebral and surreal with the comedy and the darkness, is kind of my favorite combination of what the show is capable of. What I love about the show is that there are real things happening. Ryan is really, truly trying to recover and is in need of



► **Elijah Wood says playing Mumble in Happy Feet 2 is his first acting gig in a father role.**

Geeking out over the Hobbit

► Ever since starring as Frodo Baggins in the Lord of the Rings films, Elijah Wood has become a go-to for info on all things Tolkien. And the upcoming two-film adaptation of the Hobbit is no

exception. "I do have a small part in it, and I was actually just there," he says of the project, currently in production in New Zealand. "I was there for a month doing my little part and also just hanging out and catching up with friends. It's going to be incredible."

IMMORTALS WORDS

ACROSS

- 1 He plays King Hyperion in *Immortals* (with 3 Across)
- 3 See 1 Across
- 7 A "fabled" Greek writer
- 8 The hero in *Immortals*
- 9 Freida Pinto, who plays 11 Down, recently starred in ____ of the *Planet of the Apes*
- 11 Ashen, like a dying warrior
- 14 Stephen McHattie, who plays Cassander, is a Nova ____ (from *Antigonish*)
- 16 Demoralize
- 17 Where 6 Down was schooled (it's in England, of course)
- 18 ____ Singh directed *Immortals*

DOWN

- 1 Joseph ____ is Lysander
- 2 Kellan Lutz, who plays Poseidon, is Emmett Cullen in the *Twilight* films, including this one
- 4 Crowe who stars with 12 Down in the next *Superman*
- 5 Most senior
- 6 John ____ plays Old Zeus in *Immortals*
- 10 The answer to 1 Across also played *Whiplash* in the second ____ flick
- 11 Pinto's part in *Immortals*
- 12 Lucas who plays Athena
- 13 In *The Wrestler*, 1 Across was Randy ____ Robinson
- 15 Hit hard

Crossword #1



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**J. Edgar****Genre:** Drama**Director:** Clint Eastwood**Stars:** Leonardo DiCaprio, Armie Hammer, Naomi Watts

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J. Edgar, Clint Eastwood's new biopic of the controversial FBI director, is ambitious, covering 50 turbulent years, both po-

litically and personally for Hoover. But as the story jumps from decade to decade, interweaving old and young versions of the characters, one can't help but wish Eastwood had chosen one aspect of the story and told it well instead of this scattershot approach. It's a case of too much information and

too little insight.

DiCaprio, however, is remarkable — and Oscar worthy — in his ability to convincingly play Hoover not only the span of decades (it must be said he is aided by some impressive makeup) but also as a complex man, driven by fear and a lust for power. **● RICHARD CROUSE**

**Immortals****Genre:** Action**Director:** Tarsem Singh**Stars:** Henry Cavill, Stephen Dorff, Mickey Rourke

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People don't expect much from flashy fantasy-epics like Immortals. Just pit some Roman soldiers against a few Gods and most people will leave reasonably happy. Yet di-

rector Tarsem Singh insists on breaking up short action sequences with long passages of stilted dialogue delivered by over-serious actors, killing the film's momentum. Singh framed some nice shots and Mickey Rourke is once again a standout, but Immortals can't even deliver on the most basic level. **● IAN GORMELY**

Jack and Jill**Genre:** Comedy**Director:** Dennis Dugan**Stars:** Adam Sandler, Katie Holmes

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Adam Sandler's first go at playing dual roles goes about as well as you'd expect. Sandler plays both Jack, the insensitive jerk that's become his go-to character of late and his

own annoying and oversensitive sister Jill. When not mining the gender-bending for laughs the film leans hard on site gags and toilet humour, but is ultimately saved by a slew of celebrity cameos and a stand-out performance from Al Pacino playing himself, as Jill's paramour.

● IAN GORMELY

► Puerto Rican actress Rita Moreno won an Oscar for the film version of West Side Story.

Groundbreaking Latina actress keeps on dancing

► Rita Moreno nears her 80th birthday ► But she's still on stage six nights a week and stars in a TV show

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As Rita Moreno nears her 80th birthday, she's singing and dancing six nights a week in the biographical show Life Without Makeup.

Moreno, who debuted on Broadway at the age of 13 in Skydrift, won an Oscar for her portrayal of Anita in the film version of West Side Story, as well as an Emmy, a Tony, a Grammy and the Presidential Medal of Freedom for her accomplishments in the arts.

Her Anita portrayal helped other Latino artists get work in Hollywood, particularly because a non-Hispanic actress, Natalie Wood, had the lead role of Maria in West Side Story and another white actor, George Chakiris, was cast as the Puerto Rican gang leader Bernardo.

Moreno said in an interview from her home in Berkeley, Calif., that she was happy to see so many more Hispanic faces and names in film, television and theatre.

"But I love what Ricardo Montalban once said, because it was very precise," she added, quoting the late Mexican actor. "He said one day that the door was ajar, but not completely open. And that still exists



► West Side Story comes out on Blu-ray Nov. 15.

... We have known artists in the English-speaking world that are Latin artists, but not enough."

West Side Story comes out on Blu-ray Nov. 15 to celebrate its 50th anniversary. And Moreno would like to see more song and dance on screen. "I'd love to see more musicals because today they're very rare — you barely find them," she said.

Besides her run at The Berkeley Repertory Theatre, Moreno also plays Fran Drescher's Jewish mother in the TV series Happily Divorced, which starts shooting its second season in January.

"I love working with Fran. She is very delicious, warm, kind ... a good per-

son, very noble," she said.

Moreno has had diverse roles during her career, from a congresswoman to a psychologist to a nun to a liberated office worker to a senator to a doctor.

"Because I've been around so long ... I've gotten to do a lot of things that a lot of Latinos have not been able to do," she said. "Also I think I'm a character actress, more than anything, and I think that is one of the reasons I get other parts that don't have anything to do with being Latina necessarily."

Her birthday is Dec. 11 and she plans to celebrate her eight decades of life with a "very big party" at her house.

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Who's the perfect host?

► Draft Billy? Draft Kermit? ► Oscars have new job opening as Eddie quits

A return to the Oscar stage by Billy Crystal would be a true Hollywood ending after this week's debacle that started with Brett Ratner's resignation Tuesday as producer of the show over a gay slur, followed by his pal Eddie Murphy's departure Wednesday as host.

The most popular host of the Oscars in recent years, Crystal could be a real white knight if he returned to run the show for the first time since 2004.

"There'd be cheers across Hollywood for Billy's return," said Tom O'Neil, editor of the awards website GoldDerby.com. "That could be the happy ending for this story."

Murphy's replacement is the talk of the town, with people in Hollywood speculating whether other past hosts such as Steve Martin or Jon Stewart might return or whether a first-timer such as Tina Fey or Neil Patrick Harris could get the job.

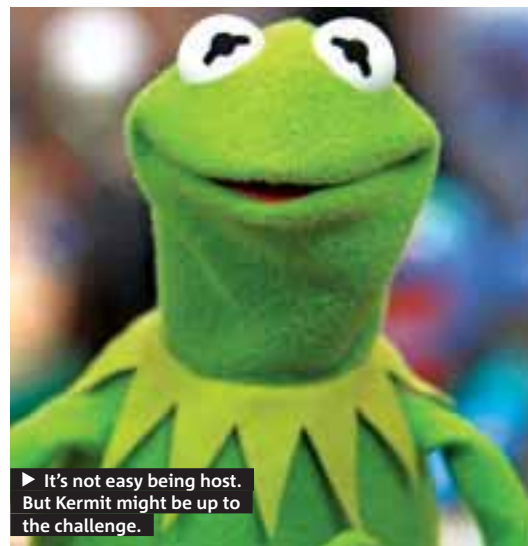
There are even pages on Twitter and Facebook pushing Kermit the Frog and his Muppets pals as Oscar hosts, a truly clever notion that could be just the sort of rainbow connection to bring some fresh magic to Hollywood's big night.

With the Feb. 26 Oscars still more than three months off, organizers have plenty of time to replace Murphy, so there's not likely to be much fallout for the show itself. Just hours after announcing Murphy's exit, organizers signed up Brian Grazer, the Oscar-winning producer of A Beautiful Mind, to fill the producing slot vacated by Ratner.

Grazer's a class-act choice compared to Ratner,



► Murphy already has a shaky history with the Oscars. He notoriously left the ceremonies early when he lost to Alan Arkin in the Best Supporting Actor category in 2007.



► It's not easy being host. But Kermit might be up to the challenge.

who is best known for directing the Rush Hour flicks and drew the scorn of

comic-book fans for X-Men: The Last Stand, widely considered a feeble finale to

Fresh faces

Would a pair of charismatic comedienne add sparkle to the star-studded soirée?

Sasha Stone, editor of AwardsDaily.com, suggested Oscar organizers aim for fresh blood with people such as Oprah Winfrey, Stephen Colbert or even a pairing of Bridesmaids co-stars Kristen Wiig and Melissa McCarthy, who reunited recently on Saturday Night Live.

"When I saw them together on SNL, I thought they were like Hope and Crosby," Stone said. "They had such great charisma and knew each other so well. I would love to see them on the Oscars. They could definitely have the ability to draw the higher ratings."

that superhero franchise trilogy.

It's now up to Grazer and Don Mischer, who is co-producing and directing the Oscar show for the second-straight year, to find a replacement for Murphy.

Ratner departed the show because of the uproar over a pejorative term for gay men he uttered during a question-and-answer session at a screening of his new comedy, Tower Heist. Coincidentally, Grazer is a producer on the movie.

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To hear Chris Colfer talk about the number of projects he's working, you worry he knows something about the future that we don't — like we don't have much time left, so get those chores done.

He certainly can't be accused of resting on his Glee success. "I saw the final cut of the movie that I filmed this summer, called *Struck by Lightning*, and I think it's good," he says.

"The fact that I can stand it, I think, is a good sign. And I have my first book coming out next summer. I'm really excited about that; we're finalizing the cover art right now. And then I'm still developing that show for the Disney Channel. I just got off the phone with them last week."

Of course, all that is on top of his regular gig on a hit network TV show. Colfer, who has a Golden Globe and two Emmy nominations for *Glee*, could easily be called the show's breakout star, but that's a title his isn't totally comfortable with.

"Just that title is overwhelming. More like the star with a breakout," he says with a laugh. "But no, I think I would be stupid if I didn't try to jump on that success as much as a I have."

His *Glee* character, Kurt Hummel, is almost as busy as Colfer, too, between running for class president, planning for life after graduation and dealing with all sorts of new issues in his relationship with boyfriend Blaine Anderson (Darren Criss).

"They're still together, but there's some big things coming up," Colfer teases.

"A character named Sebastian (Grant Gustin) comes in and tries to steal Blaine away from Kurt, and Kurt was absolutely horrified. I loved it because it was finally something different with those characters. It was so much fun to do a scene with Darren where we're yelling at each other."

As groundbreaking as Colfer's portrayal of openly gay Kurt has been, he's

thrilled that Kurt and Blaine are now being treated like any other couple.

"There was a point when you could say they're in a relationship or together, but don't show it! We just know they're in the

corner doing God knows what," he says.

"But yeah, they should be treated like any other couple, so they should have fights like any other couple, right? Let's get some more fights!"

- Chris Colfer capitalizes on his *Glee* fame with a new film, his first book
- 'Big things coming up' for Kurt

Overworked as he may be, Colfer's hectic schedule does at least keep him too busy to worry about his critics, though he is tempted to take them on, he admits.

"Oh sometimes, let me

tell you," he says. "I have a stack of hate mail that I just want to respond to. Maybe one day when I'm tired or tipsy or something, I'm going to respond to them and tell them what I think."

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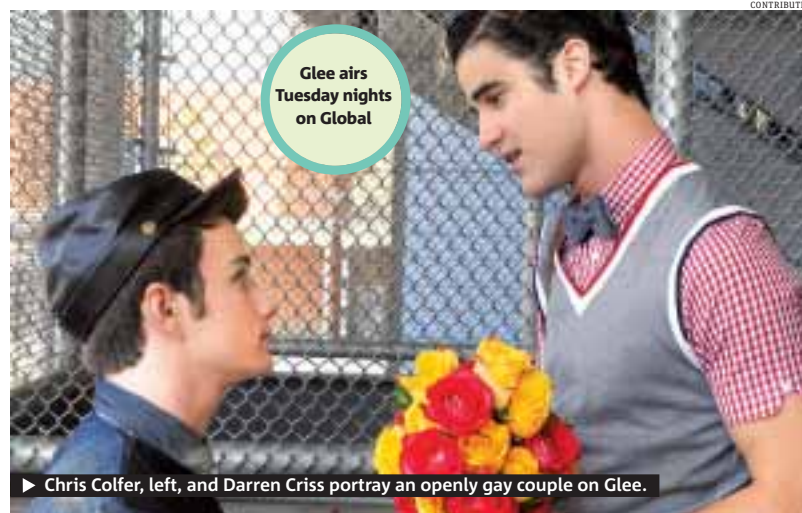
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CHRIS COLFER, ON HIS CHARACTER'S RELATIONSHIP ON GLEE



► Chris Colfer, left, and Darren Criss portray an openly gay couple on *Glee*.

TV Picks



► Denise Leary stars in *Rescue Me*.

Remembering our troops

WAR. As part of its Remembrance Day coverage on Friday, Canada's public broadcaster presents the one-hour special *Remembering Afghanistan*, which explores how Canadians will look back on the war there. Peter Mansbridge hosts. (CBC).

Emma Stone, Coldplay set for SNL

GUESTS. Hollywood darling Emma Stone guests on *Saturday Night Live* for a second time. The engaging star of *Easy A* and *The Help* first hosted just over a year ago. Saturday's musical guest is Coldplay, which is topping the charts these days with its new album *Mylo Xyloto*. (NBC).

Say goodbye to *Rescue Me*

FINALE. The flame goes out on *Rescue Me* Sunday.

This Season 7 finale marks the end of the series, about the struggles of a New York City firefighter (Denise Leary) in a post-9-11 world.

The final episode trails the aftermath of an arson fire that led to the collapse of a warehouse and the death of a colleague. Amid the tragedy, Tommy (Leary) and his friends ponder their professional and personal futures. (Showcase).

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From Life on Mars to life with the dinos

► Metro chats with Jason O'Mara about his accidental penchant for playing cops who don't live in the present

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Irish actor Jason O'Mara is back on network television in *Terra Nova*, Fox's massive, Steven Spielberg-produced sci-fi series about humans from a burned-out future colonizing the distant past in a parallel universe.

In it, O'Mara stars as Jim Shannon, a cop and family man making a new life in a jungle overrun with dinosaurs. His last TV gig, *Life on Mars*, was also about a time-travelling cop, coincidentally, but O'Mara insists he's not trying to make that his niche.

After *Life on Mars* and this, are you secretly thinking about the next time travel-based role you'll take on?

No (laughs). It was a fluke, really. I didn't do it because it was another cop travelling through time — I did it in spite of that. It's an exciting premise and I thought an exciting world, and the idea of a future civilization wrestling with a Cretaceous one was fascinating to me and something that isn't really on TV, so I couldn't say no because of that. But they didn't think I was going to do it because it was another cop travelling through time. I did it in spite of that, and I think the next things I do, whether I'm a cop or not, will be more in the real world.

Were you wary of going back into a network show after *Life on Mars*?

Yeah, I was. I was quite wary — and quite gun-shy of playing a lead in a prime-time network series again because *Life on Mars* exhausted me. But this had a world around it. It wasn't just about one man's journey, it was about him and

his family, and then you meet this other character who's just as interesting if not more so. There's a lot of characters' journeys around you, so I knew I wasn't going to be working every scene every day, which is what gets you down when you're doing TV.

So what can you reveal about what's coming up for the rest of the season?

We just recently revealed a few things, like one of the beloved characters is going

to be dying by the end of season one, and that a dinosaur would die by the end of season one, and that the season finale was going to be pretty spectacular, that there was going to be a lot of explosive events. You know, I got into trouble from a lot of these people. A lot of my Twitter followers were like, "Don't spoil it! What are you doing? You're killing us. We want to be surprised." But I don't know, sometimes it's good

to tease, but people don't like to be spoiled.

Given the long production time, are you expecting an early notice for a second season?

Well, yeah everyone wants to be told early. But it's been quite difficult because Fox had the *World Series* this year. We were preempted in favour of the baseball one week, two weeks before that the baseball ran over so that our show started 52 minutes late, which is never

good. Even DVRs weren't able to cope with that. It's frustrating, but I think the cream always floats to the top, and if we're meant to have a second season, we'll get one. I think we were pretty lucky that we were able to film 13 episodes before it started airing, so we were making the show we wanted to make without critics getting involved, without fans getting involved. Creatively, it was nice to be able to make it in a bubble.

Terra Nova airs Monday nights on Citytv



► Jason O'Mara

Walking Dead creator hearts zombies

When Robert Kirkman talks zombies, he sounds more like a diligent student of such creatures than the guy who creates them for an audience of millions. For example, ask Kirkman if being transformed into a zombie is a fate worse than death and he replies, "I don't really know what it's like to be a zombie. But I'm pretty sure what it's like to be dead: You're dead. That's not good, right? Being a zombie looks bad from the outside, but from the inside, it could be a great existence."

"How a zombie feels is a great mystery."

A chap of 32 with a neat beard and an outgoing manner, Kirkman has opted against being a zombie know-it-all, despite years dwelling on them for his successful comic book, *The Walking Dead*, and the wildly successful AMC series of the same name that his comic inspired and that draws an average audience of 6.6 million viewers each week. As the second season unfolds, Kirkman continues to regard the zombie apocalypse at his series' core as yet another mystery beyond his ken.

"Who knows what causes a zombie invasion? I don't think we'll ever find out," he says. "But that's not what the show is about. Our show is about a group of people dealing with the fallout. If a zombie invasion were to really happen, they would be more interested in finding food and staying alive. They would not be busy trying to find out where the zombies came from." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



► Andrew Lincoln stars in *The Walking Dead*.

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Ashton out of the loop

► Kutcher's gaffe prompts him to turn over his Twitter account

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The man who, if not single handedly launched the popularity of Twitter, was at least its biggest early adaptor, has found himself in hot water from using the social networking site. On Wednesday night, Ashton Kutcher attacked the Penn State Board of Trustees for firing their football coach Joe Paterno.

"How do you fire Jo Pa? #insult #noclass as a hawk-eye fan I find it in poor taste," Kutcher wrote.

Kutcher apparently didn't know the scope of the Penn State scandal, where Paterno allegedly covered up former defensive coordinator Jerry Sandusky's alleged sexual abuse of young boys. In response, Kutcher's followers vehemently responded that they found his tweet to be in poor taste.

Kutcher tried to back-track.

"Heard Joe was fired, fully recant previous tweet!"



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► Ashton Kutcher found himself in hot water after a Twitter gaffe.

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He later continued.

"This is an insane story, I just heard paterno was fired, getting the rest of the story now... Wow."

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ASHTON KUTCHER

"As an advocate in the fight against child sexual exploitation, I could not be more remorseful for all involved in the Penn St. case," he added.

It's enough of a gaff that now Kutcher doesn't trust himself with his own Twitter account. He announced on his blog yesterday that he is turning over control of his @Aplusk account — and his 8 million followers — to his management.

"While I will continue to express myself through @Aplusk I'm going to turn the management of the feed over to my team at Katalyst Media to ensure the quality of its content."

So not only has this Penn State controversy brought one of America's biggest and most prestigious football programs to their knees, it also brought down a celebrity's Twitter empire. This scandal just keeps growing.

Talking points

Bieber putting his Johnson up for auction

HIS PET SNAKE. Justin Bieber is parting with his pet snake, but it's all for charity, according to People magazine. The pop star hopes to earn cash for the charity Pencils for Promise when he puts his baby boa constrictor — named Johnson — up for grabs on the website charity-buzz.com. The snake's value is estimated at \$1,000.

"It'll get, like, four feet. It's gonna get big," Bieber told Entertainment Weekly of the snake, which he debuted at the Video Music Awards in August.

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Holmes still into Dawson

THE SHOW, NOT THE CHARACTER Katie Holmes got her start on TV's Dawson's Creek, and she's happy to return if a reunion were organized, she tells Good Morning America.

"It would be fun," Holmes says of a potential reunion. "I had so much fun

Celebrity tweets



"Making homemade chicken noodle soup one daughter is home from school not feeling to good..."

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"So if I understand 9-9-9 correctly, we can expect 5 more women to step forward?"

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working on that show and I loved everyone so much and I think about it with such fond memories."

Holmes isn't alone. Co-star Michelle Williams is still grateful for the hit show that started her career.

"It lifted me out of Los Angeles and placed me until I was 22 in a sleepy Southern town," Williams says, according to MSN. ● METRO



That's an overshare Clooney

George Clooney is verging into awkward territory, telling Rolling Stone all sorts of things about himself — including his love of fart jokes, his newest girlfriend and losing his virginity at age 16.

The Oscar-winner feels it was "young, very young, too young."

And speaking of oversharing, he says he doesn't mind current girlfriend Stacy Keibler's tendency to gush on Twitter.

"She can do whatever she wants," Clooney says.

"I rarely tell anybody what they should be doing with their life."

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► George Clooney

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- One medium pear (166 grams) is about 100 calories.

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Pears on pizza? Here's an unusual use for this favourite fall tender fruit

— as a topping for a savoury pizza with prosciutto and Gorgonzola cheese.

Pear and Prosciutto Pizza

Preparation:

1 Heat a grill pan over medium-high heat.

Brush pears and onions with olive oil. Place in pan and grill, turning once, for about 3 minutes or until softened. Remove from pan and set aside.

2 Meanwhile, on a lightly floured surface, roll out pizza dough to a 40-by-30-cm (16-by-12-inch)

rectangle; transfer to a parchment-lined rimmed baking sheet.

3 Spread pesto lightly over top of pizza. Top with pear slices, onion rings, prosciutto and crumbled cheese. Bake prepared pizza in the bottom third of a 230 C (450 F) oven for 15 to 20 minutes or until crust is cooked underneath and the cheese is melted and bubbling.

4 Transfer to cutting board. Sprinkle with arugula, slice and serve.

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Ingredients:

- 2 Bartlett or Bosc pears, cored and sliced 5 mm (1/4 inch) thick
- Half a small red onion, cut into rounds
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) all-purpose flour
- 500 g (1 lb) pizza dough
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) prepared pesto
- 2 slices prosciutto, cut into thin strips
- 75 g (3 oz) crumbled goat cheese or Gorgonzola
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) lightly packed arugula leaves

► This appetizer can be made partially ahead for last-minute assembly

Onion, Pear and Cranberry on Crostini

Preparation:

1 In a medium microwaveable bowl, microwave onions and butter, cov-

ered, for 2 minutes on high or until softened. Add pear, cranberries, sugar, vinegar, salt and pepper. Microwave for 4 minutes on high until cranberries have popped and softened,

Ingredients:

- 2 medium onions, diced
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) butter
- 1 ripe but firm pear, peeled, cored and diced
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) cranberries (fresh or thawed)
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) each packed brown sugar and balsamic vinegar
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) salt
- Pinch pepper
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) light cream cheese, softened
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) crumbled goat cheese
- 18 crostini (toasted baguette slices)
- Fresh thyme leaves



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► This recipe makes six servings.

stirring partway through cooking. Stir to further soften cranberries. (If making ahead, let cool, cover and refrigerate for up to 2 days.)

2 In bowl, combine cream cheese and goat cheese; spread over crostini. Top with cranberry mixture. Sprinkle each with a few thyme leaves. THE CANADIAN PRESS/
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Canadian writer Natalie MacLean is a liquid media juggernaut whose Internet newsletter and best-selling book *Red, White And Drunk All Over* have helped countless newbies discover that there's more to life than whatever they usually drink.

Her just released new title — *Unquenchable: A Tipsy Quest For The World's Best Bargain Wines* (Doubleday Canada, \$29.95) — is a smart, fast-paced chronicle of her adventures looking for cheap vino around the world and meeting industry celebs along the way.

Arguably the biggest name was Peter Gago, chief winemaker extraordinaire at Australia's Penfolds and the current "custodian" of Down Under's most prestigious (read expensive) red wine: Grange.

I had a chance to hang out with Gago a few weeks ago and tasted a selection of Grange from some of the wine's most stellar vintages. While that was a once in a lifetime experience, drinking Penfolds' wines doesn't necessarily mean taking out a second mortgage.

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Crosby. Return on hold

► Sidney Crosby drops a puck as he participates in a practice with Penguins teammates on Thursday.



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Crosby's return to action won't come this weekend

The Sidney Crosby wait goes on. And on. The Pittsburgh Penguins superstar's highly anticipated comeback won't take place this weekend, despite considerable speculation it would occur Friday against Dallas. It also might not be next week, or the week after. No one with the Penguins is guessing when it might happen, if only because Crosby and his doctors simply don't know when he will be fully recovered from his concussion suffered 10 months ago. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Football era at an end

► Penn State gets first new coach since 1966 as defensive co-ordinator replaces Paterno

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"Coach Paterno has meant more to me than anybody except my father."

NEW PENN STATE COACH
TOM BRADLEY

New Penn State coach Tom Bradley says he is replacing Joe Paterno with "very mixed emotions."

The defensive co-ordinator is Penn State's first head coach after Penn State's board of trustees fired Paterno on Wednesday night in the wake of a child sex-abuse scandal involving former assistant Jerry Sandusky.

"We're obviously in a very unprecedented situa-

tion," a sombre Bradley said Thursday morning. "I have to find a way to restore the confidence ... it's with very mixed emotions and heavy hearts that we go through this."

Bradley, nicknamed "Scrap" for his scrappy style on special teams while a player at Penn State and known for his animated machinations on the field, showed little emotion during the half-hour news conference except when talking about Paterno, major college football's win-

ningest coach. Paterno had announced early Wednesday he would resign at the end of the season, his 46th leading Penn State, but the board fired him, anyway.

The 55-year-old Bradley said he found out he was the new coach while watching game film Wednesday night. He called Paterno about 11 p.m. local time, but declined to say what they discussed.

"I think that's personal in nature," Bradley said.

He made clear, though, that he has great respect for

the Hall of Fame coach, whose 409 victories are the most by any coach in major college football.

"Coach Paterno will go down in history as one of the greatest men," Bradley said. "Most of you know him as a great football coach. I've had the privilege and honour to work for him, spend time with him. He's had such a dynamic impact on so many, so many — I'll say it again — so many people and players' lives."

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Venezuela's best searching for Ramos

The Venezuelan government sent top investigators to hunt for Washington Nationals catcher Wilson Ramos Thursday, whose abduction has shaken the country's elite athletes and focused attention on the nation's sharp rise in kidnappings for ransom.

The 24-year-old, who returned to Venezuela after his rookie season, was outside his home in the town of Santa Ines on Wednesday night when an SUV approached, armed men got out "and they took him away," said Ramos' agent, Gustavo Marciano.

It was the first known kidnapping of a Major League Baseball player in Venezuela, though the relatives of some ballplayers have previously been held captive for ransom.

Police found the kidnappers' vehicle abandoned in the nearby town of Bejuma

on Thursday morning, Justice Minister Tareck El Aissami said. He said anti-kidnapping units led by "the best investigators we have" were sent to the area.

Major League Baseball and the Nationals said the leagues' Department of In-

vestigations was working with Venezuelan authorities.

"Our foremost concern is with Wilson Ramos and his family and our thoughts are with them at this time," the team and the MLB said in a joint statement.

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Roster shakeup gives Stamps playoff edge

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Fear of the unknown is keeping the Edmonton Eskimos awake at night, for good reason.

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The Calgary Stampeders, who the Eskimos host in Sunday's West semifinal, aren't the same team Edmonton beat in two of three meetings during the regular season.

Calgary coach John Hufnagel's late-season roster moves that added quarterback Drew Tate to the starting role and promoted running back Jon Cornish as the featured back, makes the Stamps a different animal in this weekend's playoff matchup. The Stamps are undefeated in three straight since Tate assumed control and Cornish has



► Calgary quarterback Drew Tate is on a roll heading into the CFL West semifinal against Edmonton this weekend.

added a new dimension to the Calgary running attack with his speed and agility.

Tate's addition to the starting lineup was made, in part, because former starter Henry Burris couldn't protect the football. In fact, the Stamps are a disappointing minus-4 this season in the all-important giveaway/takeaway stat. Tate hasn't helped that figure

by throwing more picks than touchdowns in his three starts, although Calgary still found a way to win each contest. Tate also has a knack for finding multiple receivers in each game, albeit sometimes to a target in the wrong-coloured jersey. Minimize turnovers and the Stamps will advance to the West final. **Our Pick: Calgary by 3.**

Tiger-Cats vs. Alouettes:

The Montreal Alouettes have never looked more beatable than this week entering Sunday's East semifinal, but it's unlikely the visiting Hamilton Tiger-Cats can stage an upset.

It was Wally Buono who once said, in his own peculiar way, that if you have two starting quarterbacks, you don't have a starting

"The Stamps are undefeated in three straight since Tate assumed control and Cornish has added a new dimension to the Calgary running attack with his speed and agility."

quarterback. And while the Tabbies might think their offence is more dangerous with Kevin Glenn and Quinton Porter sharing the job, what really matters is establishing the run with former Als back Avon Cobourne. He played a crucial role in Hamilton's two wins over Montreal this season and could be a key to victory Sunday, although history isn't on Hamilton's side.

While Montreal was posting 11 playoff wins and earning three Grey Cup rings the past decade, Hamilton has been winless in the post-season since

2001. That won't change on Sunday. **Our Pick: Montreal by 6.**

Riders GM gets one more chance: The Saskatchewan Roughriders have more faith in Brendan Taman than most of the team's fans.

The Riders' decision this week to retain Taman as general manager after missing the playoffs will be questioned by many among the Green and White faithful. But before they write off their football boss, they should remember it was Ken Miller, former V.P. of Football Operations, who made the ill-fated decision to hire untried head coach Greg Marshall.

Marshall was fired just eight games into the year, a disaster that can't be hung on Taman. Now Taman can hire his own head coach and the pressure will be on the team to get off to a fast start in 2012 or Taman and his yet-to-be-named head coach could both join Marshall in the unemployment line.

Reviews vary for Lightning-Flyers trap showdown

The coolest game on ice became the slowest on Wednesday when the Philadelphia Flyers refused to budge in the face of the Tampa Bay Lightning's 1-3-1 trap.

Reaction varied from amused to critical, but the on-ice standstill may prompt discussion among general managers.

Attention was called to the trap tactics in Tampa Bay's 2-1 overtime win over the Flyers when Philadelphia refused to move the puck out of its own end against the defensive tactic.

With play stalled for nearly 30 seconds, officials blew the whistle and called for a faceoff. Later,

when the Flyers again refused to move into the Lightning's waiting scheme, the officials had to restart play with a face-off a second time.

"I thought it was kind of funny myself," Calgary Flames head coach Brent Sutter said at practice Thursday. "You look at it two ways. Neither team is

wrong in what they're doing, but you don't want to see it in a game though either."

The trap defensive scheme has a forward cruising near the opponent's blue-line, three players lined across the ice in the neutral zone and a fifth defender in the defensive end. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



► Flyers defenseman Chris Pronger argues with referee Chris Rooney on Wednesday after he called for a face-off because the Flyers were using a stall tactic.

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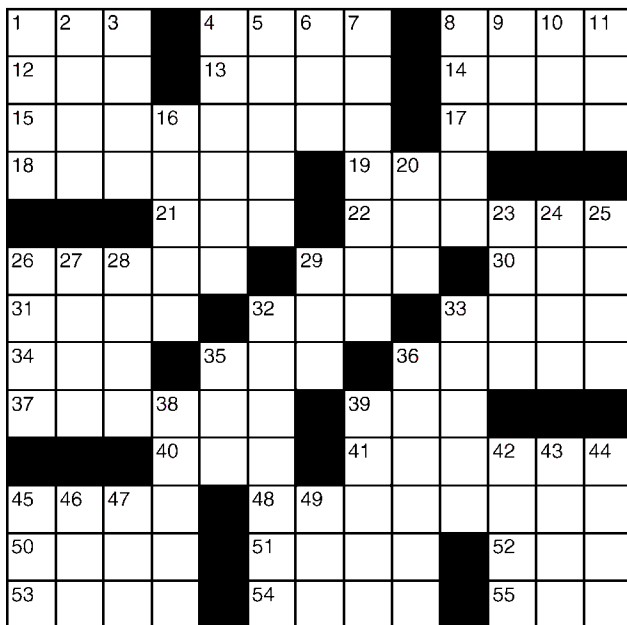
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Across

1 First name of 7-Down
4 Baseball stats
8 Crock-Pot contents
12 Unclose, poetically
13 Not procrastinating
14 "National Treasure" star
15 A-ha's megahit
17 Desire
18 "2001: A Space Odyssey" author
19 Symbol of intrigue
21 Corn spike
22 Online gamer's icon
26 Gee follower
29 Underwear with underwire
30 Inseparable
31 Castle protection
32 Decay
33 Snips
34 Hooter
35 Fellow
36 Insertion mark
37 Holy
39 Actor McBride
40 Comic Philips
41 Molest
45 Donkey's pin-on?
48 1989 Morgan Freeman movie
50 "— Karenina"
51 Obnoxiously proper sort
52 "Monkey suit"
53 Hoodoo
54 Tortoise's rival
55 Pigs' digs

Down

1 Mil. training grp.

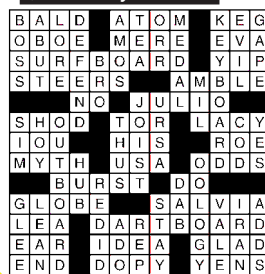


2 October birthstone
3 Prefix meaning "10"
4 Water pipe
5 Central
6 Curry or Conway
7 "Maggie May" singer
8 Diving gear
9 Pitch
10 Early bird?
11 Tiny
16 Upright
20 Actress Longoria
23 Go sightseeing
24 Initial stake
25 Whatever's left

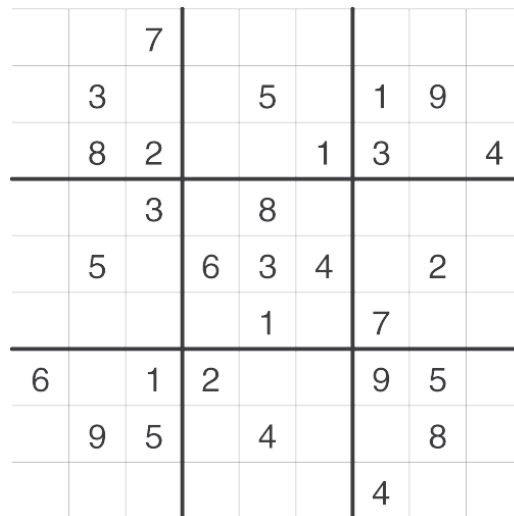
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26 Andy's pal
27 "The Music Man" setting
28 Body powder
29 Tarzan's son
32 Santa's guide
33 Egypt's capital
35 Jewel
36 Alter
38 Take it easy
39 Lead the meeting
42 Picnic invaders
43 Filth
44 Alluring
45 — Mahal

46 Singer DiFranco
47 Hostel
49 Historic time

► Yesterday's answer



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Yesterday's answer ►

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3	6	1	4	2	9	5	7	8
7	2	8	5	6	1	9	4	3
1	9	4	2	8	6	7	3	5
6	7	5	9	1	3	8	2	4
8	3	2	7	4	5	1	6	9
2	5	7	6	9	4	3	8	1
4	1	3	8	5	7	6	9	2
9	8	6	1	3	2	4	5	7

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Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 You may clash with colleagues today as you want to go one way and they want to go another. Let them go.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 This promises to be a wonderful day as Mars moves into the most dynamic area of your chart.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 A lot of things will change without warning over the next few days. It may not always be comfortable.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You are in an assertive mood. Anyone who tries to deny you what is yours is going to wish he or she hadn't.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23 There is a project that needs to be finished. Don't allow yourself to slow down.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 This is one of the best times of the year for getting things done, so what are you waiting for?

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 It may seem as if the world is ganging up on you but it isn't true, so don't overreact.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You want so much to help other people but what can one person do? Get together with like-minded people.

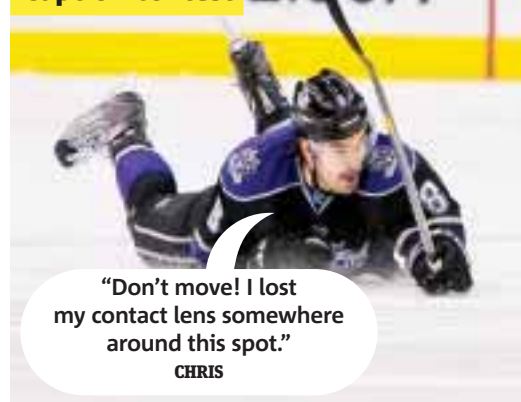
♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Be careful today that you don't come on too strong and turn important people against you.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 What happens today will give you confidence a boost and help you see recent setbacks were positive.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 If other people try to rush you today, you must make a conscious effort to slow things down.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 The most important thing today is that you act decisively, especially with partners. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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